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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force**ATTENTION : Director of Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff
for Operations****SUBJECT : Coordination Between the Strategic Air
Command and the Central Intelligence Agency
on Unconventional Warfare Planning Matters.****REFERENCES : A. Your Memo of 15 October 1956, subject
as above.**
**B. CIA Memo to Chief of Staff, USAF, dtd
5 March 1957, subject as above.**
**C. Your Memo of 16 May 1957, subject as
above.**

1. Reference A requested that a system of liaison be established between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Strategic Air Command. Reference B outlined the CIA concept of the material to be included within the liaison and made recommendations for its accomplishment. Reference C indicated Strategic Air Command concurrence with the CIA concept and requested that meetings be held to finalize a mutually agreeable liaison system.

2. Such informal meetings have now been held and it is agreed by the Central Intelligence Agency that liaison with Strategic Air Command is herewith established and will encompass the following:

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a. The Strategic Air Command - Central Intelligence Agency liaison will be confined to the field of Unconventional Warfare with emphasis on Evasion and Escape.

b. The CIA liaison officer will be responsible for keeping the CINCSAC apprised of CIA Unconventional Warfare (Evasion and Escape) capabilities to meet the Strategic Air Command requirements submitted to the CIA as outlined in the Unconventional Warfare Annex to the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan.

c. The CIA liaison officer will assist the Strategic Air Command staff in the preparation of UW requirements to be submitted through channels for approval and action.



25X1 e. Informal reports of the liaison activities will be given to the Directorate of Plans, [redacted] Hq USAF through the Joint Subsidiary Activities Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff. This reporting system will be used to keep Hq USAF informed of the general nature of the information passed through the liaison channel.

25X1 3. Due to the fact that neither the Strategic Air Command nor the Central Intelligence Agency believe that it is necessary at this time to station a CIA representative on permanent or temporary duty with the CINCSAC staff, it is agreed that a point of contact on the staffs concerned will meet the requirements of the liaison outlined in paragraph 2 above. Accordingly, [redacted] of the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), is designated as the CIA liaison officer for the Strategic Air Command and will serve as the point of contact on questions or information within the framework of the liaison. Meetings may be arranged when mutually acceptable to the Strategic Air Command representative and [redacted] Direct contact is authorized with [redacted] and 25X1 correspondence should be addressed to the Deputy Director (Plans), Central Intelligence Agency. [redacted] may also be contacted at 25X1 [redacted]

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4. It is believed that this liaison will prove beneficial to all concerned and will be instrumental in solving many Evasion and Escape problems.

SIGNED

C. P. CABELL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director

c. c. **Joint Subsidiary Activities Group,**
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans)

**SUBJECT : Coordination of Unconventional Warfare
Planning Between the Strategic Air Command
and the Central Intelligence Agency.**

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DDCI. Such requested action is contained in paragraph 5.

2. Background.

a. In a memorandum dated 15 October 1956, Headquarters, United States Air Force requested that a system of liaison be established between the CIA and the Strategic Air Command to provide coordination in Evasion and Escape planning. The request was based on the provisions of the Unconventional Warfare Annex to the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, which states that UW plans of commanders of commands established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be developed in coordination with representatives of CIA.

b. A previous liaison existed between the Strategic Air Command and the Central Intelligence Agency in 1953 and was conducted from the offices of the PP Staff. Since the departure of the PP representative who had been designated as the SAC liaison officer from this Agency, no one has been appointed to assume the liaison duties.

c. As a result of the 15 October request of Hq USAF, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence requested that negotiations with Hq USAF for the establishment of the liaison be conducted informally. Consequently, a series of informal conferences were held with representatives of the Subsidiary Plans Division,

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Directorate of Plans, Hq USAF. An outline plan for liaison was developed jointly with the USAF representatives and was forwarded by the Chief, Planning and Program Coordination Staff on 5 March 1957 to the Director of Plans, Hq USAF. This liaison concept was then submitted by Hq USAF to the Strategic Air Command for consideration. The Joint Subsidiary Activities Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff was kept informed of the progress made during the informal discussions.

3. The Strategic Air Command has now studied our concept of this liaison and has notified Hq USAF that it concurs with the CIA concept of liaison and believes that it can be accomplished without stationing a CIA representative at SAC Headquarters. It has recommended that the liaison take the form of points of contact on the respective CIA - SAC staffs. On 16 May 1957, Hq USAF, in forwarding the SAC letter of concurrence, requested that representatives of the CIA meet with representatives of the Subsidiary Plans Division and finalize a mutually acceptable liaison system.

4. Further informal meetings have now been held with representatives of the Subsidiary Plans Division and it has been agreed that the liaison will encompass the material outlined by CIA in their memorandum of 5 March 1957, and concurred in by SAC as indicated in paragraph 3 above. It has been further agreed that the scope of the liaison is of such nature that it can easily be accomplished by points of contact on the CIA - SAC staffs. It is felt that informal negotiations have been completed and that the CIA liaison officer should now be designated.

5. Recommendation: We recommend your signature on the attached memorandum to the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.


Acting Chief, Planning and Program
Coordination Staff

4 Enclosures:

Memo for DDCI Signature and
References A, B, and C thereto.

CONCUR:

/s/ 

For
Deputy Director (Plans)

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